

## Ward 6 Staff



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# Ward 6 — Newsletter

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## A Message from Steve

The flu bug hit home this week and I had to miss our Mayor and Council meeting. But the rest of my colleagues met and continued to move forward representing the community.

Of course the budget occupied the majority of the time at council. We will continue to receive presentations over the next several weeks from staff on various elements of the budget we're going to adopt. There are numerous reductions as well as revenue raising proposals that are on the table. No one of them by itself is the game changer we'll need in order to balance our fiscal deficit. The council will be working together in an effort to come up with a package that balances our near-term needs with the long-term need to produce a budget that has the structural elements in place that will help us avoid needing to return to this position each year of having to place peoples' jobs in competition with the services we are charged with providing to the taxpayers. Toss in the need to "grow the economic pie" and that balancing act is clearly going to be a difficult one to pull off. I invite you to continue to let your voice be heard, and to recognize that there are numerous competing interests, each with valid claims for a seat at the table that we will be weighing. While we each bring a particular emphasis to the discussion, mine will focus on how we protect our local business community during these tough economic times while at the same time minimizing debt and insuring that what revenue increases we adopt will have the least possible impact on the most needy in our community. Prioritizing, just as each of us has to do at home.

The council passed the Conservation Effluent Plan during the regular session on Tuesday. Had I been present, I would have joined them in voting to support the plan. It reflects a long-term investment in our environment, recognizes the need to incorporate a variety of concerns while adopting water policy as it relates to responsible growth, forces us to recognize that water is an economic asset upon which the ultimate vitality of our community relies, and affirms that each policy that impacts our use and reuse of water must have an element that protects this asset as the life blood of our desert community. I applaud the council for continuing this policy. I will be bringing to the table for discussion water-related items in the near term that will continue to address this issue.



### Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police  
Department

911 or 791-4444  
nonemergency

Mayor & Council  
Comment Line  
791-4700

Neighborhood  
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise  
791-5071

Water Issues  
791-3242

Pima County Animal  
Control  
243-5900

Street Maintenance  
791-3154

Planning and  
Development  
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas  
889-1888

Gas Emergency/  
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus  
Hotline

243-7999

Environment  
Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal  
792-2489

AZ Game & Fish  
628-5376

## Continued: A Message From Steve

The Mayor and Council also voted unanimously to reconsider the policy that was passed a couple of years ago by which Department Heads who work for the City must live within the City limits. The policy was originally passed at the same time the housing market collapsed, thus leaving certain Department Heads in the position of either having to sell their homes into a down market, or resign their position. Since my election, we have already made one adjustment in the policy that gave extensions to employees who were having trouble selling into this market. On Tuesday the council voted to grandfather all employees on the payroll at the time of the original adoption of the measure so that they would not have to sell their homes after all. Going forward, people being considered for promotion will need to weigh that requirement in with their decision as to whether or not to apply for the job. I'm pleased that the existing workers have been grandfathered. Had I been on the council when the measure was originally passed, I would have joined some others in making the point that I'm more concerned with a person's performance than I am with their residence. I believe the policy may have a limiting effect on our candidate pool as we move forward that does not necessarily equate to the highest quality of applicant being given consideration. However, repealing the entire ordinance wasn't an option under consideration so I am in agreement with the move that was taken.

Let me close with this. Since the January 8th shootings many jurisdictions have reconsidered the level of security they implement in their public meetings. The City of Tucson is doing the same. I have asked for a discussion of that issue at the February 1 study session. I would also like to hear from you, the owners of the Council Chambers how you feel about whether or not more stringent security measures should be taken. Since moving to Tucson many years ago, I have always felt it a unique part of our public discourse that the Mayor and Council meetings are open and without extraordinary screening and security policies in effect. It has sent the message that ours is a forum in which all are welcome to come and express their concerns. As Shannon Cain said last week during Call to the Audience, it's the "peoples' chambers." I agree with her. And yet, one has to wonder if the events of January 8th signal an unfortunate coming of age for our way of doing business. Ours is an obligation to not only the safety of City Staff, but of the public who attends and participates in our meetings as well. But the money we spend on implementing added measures is your money. I invite you to come on Tuesday, February 8 and share your thoughts about this issue. As Shannon said last week, it's your chamber and your input should be considered with respect to the measures we put in place to ensure your protection.

Sincerely,

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Council Member, Ward 6  
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward6>



# **Important Phone Numbers**

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman  
Gabrielle Giffords  
(D)  
(8<sup>th</sup> District)  
520-881-3588

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(7<sup>th</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Janice  
Brewer (R)  
Governor of Arizona  
602-542-4331

Toll free:  
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free  
Telephone:  
1-800-352-8404

Internet:  
[www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Mayor Bob Walkup  
791-4201



## **Town Hall Fiscal 2012 City Budget**

**Council Member Steve Kozachik**

Is hosting a Budget Presentation  
Thursday, February 10, 2011  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Ward 6 Council Office,  
**3202 East 1st Street**

Come and hear the City Budget presentation  
and participate in a discussion  
about the budget. We look forward to  
seeing you and hearing your ideas.

For accommodations; materials in accessible format; foreign  
language interpreter; and/or materials in a language other  
than English, contact the Ward 6 Council Office and ask for  
Christal Ferree at (520) 791-4601 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD  
at least (5 business days) in advance of this scheduled  
event



## Server Tips for Serving Heroes

Council Member Kozachik and his Council Aide, Teresa Smith, along with many First Responders will become part of the serving staff at Ruby Tuesday on Monday, January 31, 2011. Please stop by for dinner from 5:00 to 10 p.m. All of the tips collected this evening will be donated to the 100 Club. To make a reservation at Ruby Tuesday, 4811 N. Stone Ave, click on the link <http://www.rubytuesday.com/locations> When reserving online type: "100 Club" in the comment box.

The 100 Club is a non-profit agency dedicated to assisting the families of seriously injured or fallen public safety officers and firefighters throughout Arizona. Visit <http://100club.org/> for more information on the 100 Club.

## Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase

The Gem Shows run from January 29 through February 13. Many of the events and vendors are throughout Downtown and nearby hotels. The main Tucson Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show™ sponsored by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society (TGMS), is held at Tucson Convention Center Exhibition Hall and the Arena.

For more information visit: <http://www.tgms.org/2011show.htm>

**Parking:** 22nd Street (northeast corner of I-10 & 22nd) Free  
Congress (Congress west of the river) \$5 fee

Parking lots are open daily 8am-8pm.

Additional parking is available at these Downtown lots:

Pennington Street Garage- 110 E. Pennington St. at Scott Ave.

City & State Garage - 498 W. Congress, 1 block east of I-10

For additional information visit: <http://parkwise.tucsonaz.gov/index.php?q=parkwise>

## The 15th Annual Coyote Classic Golf Tournament Benefiting the Tucson Torch Run for Special Olympics

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Tucson National Resort. 1 p.m. is first tee time. You can view information and download the registration form at:

<http://www.specialolympicsarizona.org/15th-annual-coyote-classic-golf-tournament>

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